Levy of water charge for lands irrigated by jungle streams in the Rayadrug taluk.

* 39 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether lands irrigated by the aid of jungle streams in the village of Mechiri, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, were charged water-rates this year contrary to the practice obtaining hithereto, namely, of levying no charge for such irrigation; and, if so, why?

A.—The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Permission for additional irrigation from Elandaikulam tank of lands under the ayacut of Nathiyunni channel.

* 40 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what extent and percentage in Nathiyunni channel ayacut has been permitted additional irrigation from Elandaikulam tank in Brahmadesam, Ambasamudram taluk, Tinnevelly district;

(*b*) on what ground such extra facilities were provided when Nathiyunni ayacut is classed in first class source of irrigation;

(*c*) whether this concession was abused;

(*d*) where the drainage and excess of water in the special area go to;

(*e*) whether landholders adjoining this specially permitted area in Nathiyunni ayacut have been served with notices asking them to refrain from using the water from Elandaikulam tank;

(*f*) whether landholders resort to utilize Elandaikulam tank water from failure of supply in the Nathiyunni channel;

(*g*) whether this concession was ordered after the last settlement;

(*h*) whether protests have been made against this concession as being a source of trouble to Nathiyunni ayacut and Kakanallur channel ayacut landholders and what action has been taken regarding the same; and

(*i*) whether any inspection has been made by the Revenue Officers and whether they have advised cancellation of the special privileges and on what grounds?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*i*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Increase to the ayacut under the Kakanallur channel in the Tinnevelly district.

* 41 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the area irrigated by Kakanallur channel in Brahmadesam village, Ambasamudram taluk, Tinnevelly district, is according to the last settlement;

(*b*) whether any increase has been made in the ayacut area and to what extent;

1st August 1933]

(c) whether special permission has been granted to landholders in Nathiyunni ayacut to utilize the water from Elandaikulam tank as a joint source and on what grounds;

(d) why were such special concessions granted when the Government had recognized in the last settlement the insufficiency and unsteadiness of Kakanallur channel supply;

(e) whether the grant of joint source supply from Elandaikulam affects the interests of Elandaikulam pattadars and Vandankulam tank supply; and

(f) whether Vandankulam tank has been assessed low rates on the specific grounds of insufficient water-supply?

A.—(a) *to* (f) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Constitution of Rasipur into a taluk.

* 42 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: "Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are proposals to constitute again a separate taluk called the Rasipur taluk in the Salem district;

(b) if so, when is Rasipur likely to become a separate taluk; and

(c) why it is again made a taluk so soon after its conversion into a sub-taluk?

A.—(a) & (b) Proposals to restore the old Rasipur taluk have been received and they are now being examined by the Government.

(c) The taluk has not been restored.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know on what considerations the proposals have been formulated so soon after Rasipuram was converted into a sub-taluk?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" Certain memorials were presented to Government on the subject."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I ask whether the proposals emanated from the Board of Revenue in this behalf?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" A report on the memorials received was obtained from the Board of Revenue."

Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar:—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to see that the Government expedite the examination of the subject and pass early orders thereon?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I shall do what I can to expedite the matter."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know the reason for the restoration of the taluk?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I should like to have notice of the question."